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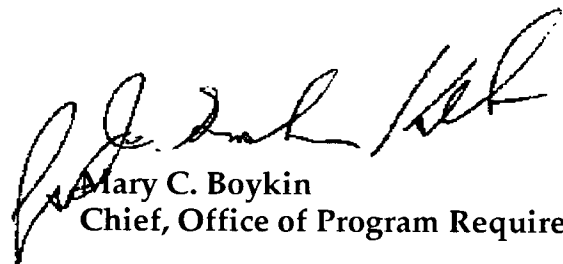
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SUMMARY OF CHANGE(S): This change implements the TRICARE For Life Program beginning October 1, 2001.

EFFECTIVE DATE AND IMPLEMENTATION: October 1, 2001.

This change is made in conjunction with ADP Manual Change No. 21 and Policy Manual Change No. 28.

  
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## **SUMMARY OF CHANGES**

### **CHAPTER 3**

1. Section 2, Page 4. Deleted last sentence in Drug Rebate paragraph.
2. Section 5, Pages 1 and 2. Clarified rebate language for TRICARE Senior Pharmacy.

### **CHAPTER 4**

3. Section 3, Page 2. Added language to allow contractors to accept Medicare certification of providers who have a like class of providers under TRICARE.

### **CHAPTER 5**

4. Section 1, Page 1. Changed 'TRICARE' to 'MHS' and deleted unnecessary language in Retail Network Pharmacy service paragraph.

### **CHAPTER 7**

5. Section 1, Pages 8 and 9. Added mental health pre-authorization requirements and delineates TRICARE's reliance on Medicare's determination of medical necessity.
6. Section 1, Page 9. Excluded concurrent review requirement for those beneficiaries eligible for Medicare Part A and enrolled in Medicare Part B.
7. Section 1, Page 15. Added Case Management guidelines. Corrected typographical error and added "for Persons with Extraordinary Conditions."

### **CHAPTER 8**

8. Section 3, Page 1 and 2. Added language clarifying claims processing jurisdiction for TFL.
9. Section 4, Page 3. Added statement regarding timely filing limits.
10. Section 7, Page 7. Added language stipulating that claims do not need to be developed to the individual provider level for home health or group practice claims.
11. Section 11, Page 2. Added EOB requirements.
12. Addendum B. Added state to region claims processing crosswalk.

**CHAPTER 9**

13. Section 2, Pages 2 and 3. Requires a Medicare EOB for claims, except EMC claims. Added language regarding OHI procedures and double coverage.
14. Section 4, Pages 1 through 4. Added new paragraphs regarding double coverage. Changed 'resource sharing provider' in paragraph 1.1 to federal government facility'. Clarified language regarding reimbursement for services provided by a resource sharing provider. Clarified interactions with the Veteran's Administration in paragraph 1.3.4. Made various clarifications to paragraphs already marked for changes. Added paragraphs on beneficiary cost shares and catastrophic cap.

**CHAPTER 11**

15. Section 5, Page 3. Clarified language regarding Third Party Liability.

**CHAPTER 12**

16. Section 10, Page 1. Added language regarding grievance processing.

**CHAPTER 13**

17. Section 1, Page 2. Added paragraph regarding initial determinations for TRICARE For Life.

**CHAPTER 14**

18. Section 1, Page 2. Added paragraph 1.4.7, which addresses how to handle allegations of fraudulent behavior.

**CHAPTER 15**

19. Section 3, Pages 7 and 14. Added paragraphs regarding reporting requirements.

**CHAPTER 16**

20. Section 1, Page 2. Added sentence on briefing audience.

**CHAPTER 21**

21. Section 3, Page 1. Added language removing SHCP consideration for TFL beneficiaries referred to civilian care while remaining an MTF inpatient.

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22. Section 3, Pages 7 through 9. Deleted words 'non enrolled' in paragraphs 7.1.2 and 7.2.2 and added (except those enrolled in TRICARE Senior Prime). Added 'Over 64' to paragraph 10.2.5. Changed 'Over 64' to TFL.

**APPENDIX A**

23. Page 6. Added TRL acronym and definition.